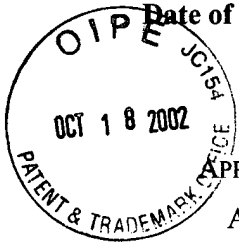


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Padigaru, *et al.*  
 ASSIGNEE : CURAGEN CORP.  
 SERIAL NUMBER : 10/092,900 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned  
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the April 19, 2002 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 19, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1,440.00 (Check No. 1252) in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.21402-290C (CURA 590C). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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